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CLARK, LINCOLN and WHITE PINE COUNTIES Groundwater Development Project DEIS  
WRITTEN COMMENT

Chapter 3, Section 3-17

In 1908, the US Supreme Court found, in the Winter's Doctrine, that "an Indian Reservation may reserve water for future use in an amount necessary to fulfill the purpose of the reservation." Reservation use has not been recognized by SNWA.

Nor does SNWA, blinded by the financial gain of today, recognize the needs of future generations of Nevadans. We Natives believe that all decisions should take into consideration: "consequences to the next Seven Generations".

Nor does SNWA recognize the financial value of plant and animal life related to Tourism, and Recreation. SNWA also ignores the financial value of farming and ranching. These monetary values plus the value of all the properties that will be destroyed **must** be included in the overall cost of the pipeline.

Until overall cost, construction (including land purchases) plus destruction is determined and presented to the BLM - and until the State Engineer makes his decision, BLM must make take NO ACTION on the proposed SNWA pipeline Right of Way.

Off Shore Desalination is a less expensive, sustainable, long term alternative to the destructive, expensive, and non-sustainable Pipeline project.



Chapter 3, page 3.17-1 Regulatory framework

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On the other hand, SNWA has no problem making the choice. Just throw the Ranchers, Indians and other Rural inhabitants, both two-legged and four, into the gigantic dust bowl that will be left by this destructive project.

Chapter 3, 3.17-2, 3 Traditional Values

Cave Valley Cave, sacred to the Natives and known to them as "Entrance to Another World" is a living wet cave supplied by ground water at the surface of the Cave Valley floor. Even a 5 ft. draw down would destroy the the "Entrance to Another World".

Cave Valley Cave meets the criteria, including the 50 year requirement, for National Register of Historic Places and should be protected into perpetuity.

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F3.17 - GWD Project Programmatic Agreement

We Tribal People object to even the existence of the so called "Agreement".  
The text reminds us of earlier Indian Treaties. We had no input, We can only "Agree".

Six Agency/organizations, including Southern Nevada Water Authority participated in the creation of this document. Neither the Bureau of Indian Affairs nor Tribes were participants. We find this totally unjust. We have been forced to give up our Sacred Tribal Homelands and now are being asked to help destroy them. These Sacred Tribal Homelands are of historic and cultural importance to us.

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